New Plan to clear the housing backlog in Delhi

3620. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have drawn up a new plan to clear the housing backlog in Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken so far to implement the said plan ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b) Delhi Administration has taken up the formulation of a plan to augment housing for inclusion in the Eighth Five Year Plan and implementation during the Plan period.

(c) Steps taken so far include acquisition and development of land construction of dwelling units by DDA, allotment of plots to individuals, increased allocation of land to housing cooperative societies, and modifications in the Master Plan of Delhi-2001 to facilitate augmentation of housing.

Letting out of Government accommodation in Pushp Vihar

3621. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the Type-II and Type-I (four storeyed) Government quarters in Sector III, Pushp Vihar (M.B. Road) New Delhi have been let out;

(b) whether any enquiry has been made by Government in this regard;

(c) if so, what is the number of quarters found fully let out including the names of the persons to whom these quarters had been allotted; and

(d) whether any action has been taken by Government against the guilty allottees on the basis of this enquiry; if so, the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Complaints about subletting of some Government quarters in Sector III, Pushp Vihar (M.B. Road) New Delhi have been received.

(b) Inspection has been ordered in 32 quarters during the last six months.

(c) and (d) 26 Reports have been received and show-cause notices have been issued in cases where subletting has been reported. Action for cancellation of allotment and imposition of other penalties as per rules will be taken after hearing the allottees.

Seminar organised at New Delhi by the Ministry of Welfare and the American News Service

3622. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a seminar was organised at New Delhi in February, 1990 jointly by the Welfare Ministry and the American News Service;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some suggestions were made during the Seminar on curbing the illegal smuggling of narcotics and drugs;

(d) whether Government have taken any action on these suggestions so far; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Members of the American News Service as well as voluntary organisations and officers of Ministry of Welfare participated in the seminar.

(c) to (e) The Seminar was on Strategies for Demand Reduction and no enforcement aspects were discussed.

Raids by Labour and Factory Inspectors

3623. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Delhi Administration have agreed to the proposal of the Delhi Exporters Association that no labour or factory inspector would be permitted to enter the premises of export houses with-

out authorisation from an officer not below the rank of an Assistant Commissioner;

(b) if so, by when the above proposal would be brought in force;

(c) the details of export houses in Delhi on which raids by labour and factory inspectors were conducted during the last six months (monthwise); and

(d) the details of the discrepancies found and further action contemplated in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The Delhi Administration had been considering steps to stremline and closely monitor the field work and inspections.It decided that all inspectors of the Labour Department (such as those of factory, boiler, electricity and labour) would require authorisation from atleast the Assistant Labour Commissioner (or equivalent rank officer in the factory, boiler and electricity inspectorates) of the zone in which they are posted in order to carry out inspections. This has nothing to do with any proposal of the Delhi Exporters' Association.

(b) The decision has been brought into force with effect from the 10th August, 1990.

(c) and (d) No raids on export houses were conducted during the last six months by the labour and factory inspectorates.

Amendment in Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe Order (Amendment Act, 1976)

3624. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received recently representations to bring an amendment to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Orders (Amendment) Act, 1976, to restore area restriction in case of Mochi Community of Gujarat which obtained prior to 1977;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government of Gujarat in October 1977 represented to area restriction to Mochi Community of only Dang District and Umarguan Taluka of Bulsar District and Government of India introduced an amendment Bill No. 84/78 on 12th May, 1978 to this effect and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take for considering recommendation of Scheduled Castes Commissioner in his Report of 1986-87 to restore area specific scheduling to Mochi Community in Gujarat ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) : Yes, Sir.

(c) All proposals, representations, suggestions, recommendations, etc. are under consideration of the Government and any amendment in the existing lists could be made only through an Act of Parliament as laid down in Articles 341(2) and 342 (2) of the Constitution.

देश में विधवा और निस्सहाय महिलाएं

3625. **श्री कपिल वर्मा :**

श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा :

डा. रूद्र प्रताप सिंह :

क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश भर में विधवाओं तथा परित्यक्त महिलाओं को नारकीय जीवन बिताना पड़ता है; यदि हां, तो ऐसी महिलाओं की संख्या क्या है;

(ख) सरकार विधवाओं और निराश्रित महिलाओं को सामाजिक न्याय दिलाने, उन्हें आर्थिक रूप से आत्म-निर्भर बनाने तथा समाज में उनका स्तर ऊंचा उठाने की दिशा में क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है तथा उनके कल्याण के लिए वर्तमान योजनाएं क्या हैं; और

(ग) 20–25 वर्ष के दाम्पत्य जीवन के बाद पति द्वारा पत्नी को घर से निकाल दिए जाने पर तथा उस पत्नी द्वारा तलाक प्राप्त कर लेने पर पति की सम्पत्ति का आधा भाग उसे प्रदान करने के लिए सरकार क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है ?